Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

FROM : A. Rosen

DATE: 11/25/63

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
DALLAS, TEXAS

ASAC Joseph Sylvester, New Orleans Office, advised that last night the District Attorney's Office arrested Patrick Martens and Roland Beaubeouf. They booked them as being held for the Secret Servi and the FBI. ASAC Sylvester said the New Orleans Office knew nothing about this and neither did John Rice, Special Agent in Charge of the Secret Service.

ASAC Sylvester stated that they were arrested yesterday at the home of one David William Ferrie, whom the television commentators have been playing up as a person who might have known Oswald when Oswald was living in New Orleans. ASAC Sylvester stated that he understands that the District Attorney's Office has put out a wanted notice for Ferrie and surmises that the District Attorney is basing his action on the television stories that Ferrie allegedly knew Oswald. Ferrie allegedly is a homosexual.

The New Orleans files contain information to the effect that Ferrie has been tied up with anti-Castro groups. New Orleans has no record for Roland Beaubeouf. According to the New Orleans files, on January 24, 1962, one Laton P. Martens, who may be identical with Patrick Martens, came to the New Orleans Office and complained about being arrested by the New Orleans Police Department. He complained he was associated with the Cuban Democratic Revolutionary Front, stating that he thought that he was arrested because Ferrie is also in his group and a homosexual, and the New Orleans Police picked him up based on those circumstances.

ASAC Sylvester said New Orleans had been in touch with the District Attorney's Office to find outwhy these men were booked for the FBI. He said that the Assistant who did this worked all night and had left the office and those on duty had no information. New Orleans is endeavoring to locate the Assistant District Attorney responsible. ASAC Sylvester stated he anticipated press inquiries.

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RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

ACTION:

ASAC Sylvester was instructed to locate the Assistant District Attorney who instructed that Martens and Beaubeouf be held for the FBI, and determine why he booked the prisoners in this manner and to straighten him out.

ASAC Sylvester is answering the press with no comment except to say that it is the policy of the FBI not to request that a person be held for the FBI unless a warrant is outstanding, and in this case we had no warrant for either Martens or Beaubeouf. Mr. DeLoach's Offi concurs.

Bureau indicies are being checked regarding Ferrie, Martens and Beaubeouf. New Orleans instructed to interview these men for any information they may have concerning Oswald and his activities.

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